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HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL NOTES AND QUERIES.

SCHEDULE OF VIRGINIA AND MARYLAND EXPORTS, 1775.

[The following list and comment are taken from a very interesting and rather mysterious book published at London in the year 1775, "American Husbandry. Containing an Account of the Soil, Climate, Production, and Agriculture of the British Colonies. By an American." The author was pretty certainly not an American. If his name could be known it would throw some light on the character of the book, which is a surprisingly cynical, or may be matter-of-fact, analysis of America as a plantational region, existing solely for the behoof of the British exchequer. The author thinks it barely probable New England may wish to be independent. For the rest the book is an interesting commentary, very likely at second hand, on the agricultural conditions of that critical time. Commercial statistics for the colonial period are not at once to be had, and these figures are therefore reproduced, taken from the third chapter under *Virginia and Maryland* of the second volume. Ninety-six thousand hogsheads as the combined tobacco export of these colonies in 1774 or 1775 is undoubtedly far below the actual figures. Dr. Schoepf, a careful observer, who was in Maryland in 1783, states that immediately before the war the tobacco export of Maryland was about 70 000 hogsheads, and of Virginia about 90,000 hogsheads.* Since at that time Kentucky was not, most of the hemp listed was doubtless raised in the Shenandoah and Cumberland Valleys.

ALFRED J. MORRISON.]

"To show the vast importance of these colonies to Great Britain, it will be necessary to lay before the readers the last accounts of their exports, from which we shall also see what proportion their common husbandry bears to their tobacco.

Tobacco, 96,000 hogsheads, at 8l.....	£768,000
Indian corn, beans, pease, &c.....	30,000
Wheat, 40,000 quarters, at 20s.	40,000
Dear and other skins.	25,000
Iron, in bars and pigs	35,000
Sassafras, snakeroot, ginseng, &c.....	7,000

* Reise durch einige der mittlern und südlichen vereinigten nordamerikanischen Staaten.

Erlangen, 1788, I, 543.

Masts, plank, staves, turpentine, and tar.....	55,000
Flaxseed, 7,000 hogsheads, at 40s.....	14,000
Pickled pork, beef, hams, and bacon.....	15,000
Ships built for sale, 30 at 1,000l.	30,000
Hemp, 1,000 tons at 21l. (besides 4,000 tons more and 2,000 of flax worked up for their own use.)	

Total..... 1,040,000

“Upon this table I must observe once more how extremely important these colonies are to the mother country. To raise above a million sterling, the greatest part of which are true staples and the rest necessary for the West Indies, with no fish, whalebone, oil, etc., commodities which some of the colonies have run away with from Britain by rivalling her in her fishing—possessing no manufactures, even to such a degree that all attempts to bring the people into towns have proved in vain. By manufactures, I mean those for sale; for as to private families working wool, hemp and flax for their own use, it is what many do all over America, and are necessitated to do for want of money and commodities to buy them. A colony so truly important, I say, deserves every attention from the mother country and every encouragement to induce settlers to fix in it.

“But in this list of exports one article appears which demands particular attention, I mean hemp. To the north of these colonies none is exported; on the contrary they import from Britain the hemp which we import from Prussia, which is brought from the Ukraine, paying this immense freight—a proof strong enough that they cannot raise it. In Virginia and Maryland the soil is much better than to the northward, and will yield it, which we find it does in large quantities, even to the amount of 100,000l, an amount that is near a seventh of their tobacco besides flax. This is the commodity of all others which we most want from our colonies, for it is so necessary for our navy that we ought certainly to have it more within our command than it is at present, and the purchase carries away immense sums of money annually; to raise it therefore in America, and purchase it with our manufactures, is an object of the greatest importance. It is evident that if we are to expect hemp it must be from this part of that continent, and, consequently, here we should give our great attention. It is also a matter of great importance to know what the climate and soil of the country will do for so valuable a product as well as tobacco; and their management is such that both may be cultivated to advantage on the same plantation, and it is well known that in America the profit on hemp, when land is found that will produce it, is as great as that on tobacco.”

VIRGINIA NEWSPAPERS IN THE NORFOLK, VA., PUBLIC LIBRARY.

List of Virginia newspapers belonging to, or deposited with, The Norfolk Public Library:

Gazette and Public Ledger.....	July, 1807 to July, 1808
“ “ “	Nov. 15th, 1811 to Oct. 30th, 1812
“ “ “	Nov. 3d, 1813 to Oct. 12th, 1814
“ “ “	Nov. 12th, 1814 to Oct. 28th, 1815
Herald (Norfolk).....	Aug. 25th, 1830 to Aug. 24th, 1831
American Beacon.....	July 2d, 1832, to Dec. 31st, 1832
“ “ 12 vols.....	Oct. 1st, 1834 to Dec. 31st, 1840
“ “	Jan. 1st, 1854 to June 30th, 1854
Southern Argus, 10 vols.....	Jan. 10th, 1848 to Dec. 31st, 1852
“ “	July, 1852 to Dec., 1852
“ “	Jan. 1852 to July, 1852
“ “ 4 vols....	July, 1853 to June, 1855
“ “	Jan., 1856 to July, 1856
“ “	July, 1857 to Dec., 1867
“ “	July, 1858 to Dec., 1858
“ “	July, 1858 to Dec., 1858
“ “	July, 1859 to Dec., 1859
“ “	July, 1859 to Dec., 1859
“ “	Jan., 1859 to July, 1859
“ “	Jan., 1860 to July, 1860
“ “	Jan., 1860 to July, 1860
Norfolk Virginian, 3 vols.....	Nov., 1891 to May, 1893
Public Ledger, 50 vols.....	Aug. 1st, 1876 to Aug. 2d, 1901
Richmond S. W. Examiner.....	Nov., 1854 to Dec., 1856

Some Old Newspapers in The Norfolk Public Library,

Diary of Woodfall's Register.....	April 1st to Sept. 20th, 1789 (London)
City Gazette (Charleston, S. C.).....	July to Dec., 1808
Weekly Union (Washington, D. C.),	April 27th, 1854 to March 26th, 1857
The Campaign (Washington, D. C.)...	May 31st, 1848 to April 11th, 1849
New York Tribune, 1856	3 volumes
New York Herald, 1856	3 volumes

CLOUGH.—Can you in Notes and Queries of your magazine give me the names of the parents of Ann Booker Clough, wife of Col. John Burton, and names of her children. Also can you give me the names of the parents of Bathurst Cocke Lacy, whose wife was Elizabeth Burton. Your delightful magazine gives rise to much family pride and much interest in the old folk.

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Providence, R. I.

LETTER FROM WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON, 1836.

Waynesborough, Greene County, Pa.

27th Oct., 1836.

My dear Sir:

Having a moment's leisure this Evening, the first I have had for many days I have an opportunity to write to some of my friends. The late elections in this State must not alarm you. With the exception of Philadelphia and a few other places the contest was not between V. B. & myself but between the Masons and the Anti-Masons. The latter had used their authority so unanimously last winter as to create a general disgust not only amongst the Masons but many who were not. The Whigs too wise are excluded from office by Gov'r — this occasions a general combination against the Anti-Masons & it burst like thunder upon them being entirely unexpected the Masons generally are found in the Towns & Cities, the Anti in the Country. The latter were busied in putting in their grain having lost their whole crop the year before they would not stop seeding to go to the Election which in numbers fell short of the last years vote more than 25000 & much the larger part were Anti-Masons. In one instance the editor of a paper which supports me & which perhaps was the 3d which took me up voted and used all his influence against the Anti-Masonics ticket & in favor of decided V. B. Men. The Antis were totally unapprised of the intention of their opponents & calculated on their support did not counteract theirs as they might have done in many counties. As it is the contest will be a hard one. V. B. cannot beat me 2000 votes but I may beat him 6 or 8000.

Do our friends make use of V. B's declaration that the distribution of the Surpluss Revenue is unconstitutional, as they ought?

With that distribution Ind'a may get on with her Internal improvement system. Can she without the aid of her share of the Surpluss?

Do you make use of Van B's attempt to restrict the right of suffrage?

I shall be at St. Clairsville the day after to-morrow & proceed from thence home by several towns which I am invited to visit. Rely upon it Virginia is safe. There was but a small majority to overcome at the last election & the changes in 4 Counties West of the Mountains will overcome that. Indeed there is no county in which there are not some changes. In my native County the people have been polled and there were but 17 against me. My love to Mary and Respects to the Governor.

In haste yours truly,

W. H. HARRISON.

[Addressed.]

William Sheets Esq'r

Sec'y of the State of Indiana,

Indianapolis, Ia.

Waynesburg, Pa., Oct. 29, 1836.

KING WILLIAM COUNTY RECORDS.

(From File Book No. 3 Containing Fragments from Records Partly
Destroyed by Fire.)

Contributed by MR. W. B. CRIDLIN.

Hannah Hewlett of St. Johns Parish, King & Queen, to Thomas Carr, Gent, of said Parish and County. Contract binding over son Wm. Hewlett, age 6 years. Dated 1697. Witnesses Thomas Swan & Robert Snuggs.

Land assigned by Robert Hancock, son and heir of Thomas Hancock to David Bray & Michael Sherman, said land that was formerly secured by patent to Charles Edmonds, Thomas Hancock and Richard Taylor; now reassigned to Lewis Davis, March 1st, 1698-9. Witnesses: Geo. Chapman, Benj. Arnold, Jo: Foster.

Deed: Richard Allard & Damagmah, his wife, of Gloucester County and John White and Elizabeth, his wife, of same County, to Joseph Brown of King William, 1702.

Richard Littlepage, of New Kent, deed, to Thomas Jones, of James City Co., 1702.

Joseph Brown, Ambrose Lipscomb and William Johnson, aptd. to appraise estate of James Wheeler. July 14th, 1702. Report filed Aug. 20th, 1702.

Thomas Bray, Gent, of St. Peters Parish, New Kent, to Lewis Davis, of King William Co., planter. (St. Johns Par.) Deed, 1702.

Richard Littlepage, planter, of County of New Kent, to John Williams of King William, planter. Deed, 1702.

John Pottivor, of St. Johns Parish, King William Co., to Hugh Owen, of New Kent Co., Gent. Deed, 1702. Witnesses: Benj. Arnold, Nathaniel Pynes, William Davis.

Richard Wall, of Bristoll, merchant, gives power of Atty. to his friend William Noyes, 1702. Witnesses: Wm. Holliday & Richard Gissedge.

Harry Beverley, county Surveyor of King William, 1702.

Patrick Slaughter, Sr., and wife, Dorothea, to Wm. H. Quimby. Deed, 1702.

Henry Slaughter, from Maurice Roberts, both of King William. Deed, 1702. Witnesses: Caleb P. Saunders & Wm. Isbell.

Charles Fleming, of New Kent Co., to Robert Crawley, of James City. Deed, Aug. 20th, 1702. Witnesses: Jno. Austin & John Dood.

Thomas Nichols to John Cauthorn, deed and power of Atty. to settle dower from Lobella, wife of Thomas Nichols, to Thomas Carr, proved by oath of Robert Napier, 20th Aug. 1702. Wm. Aylett, clerk.

Samuel Beale, Esq., of city of Williamsburg vs. Carter Braxton, Esq. Suit, 1784. Mentions Geo. Braxton & Thomas Moore.

Tunstall Banks & John McNabb, deed, slaves, to Geo. Braxton & Thomas Moore.

Barnabas Lipscomb and Elizabeth, his wife, deed property to Wm. Banks, 1797.

Collin Reddock (Riddick), Doctor of Medicine, of Hanover county, and Jane Wylie Beverley, widow. Marriage bond. Mentions her father, Richard Roy. 1797.

John L. Lewis & Nathaniel B. Hill, justices. 1843.

GRAVES'S FERRY, 1738.

The Ferry commonly called Graves's Ferry, over York River, near West Point, formerly kept by Robert Willis, is now kept by the Subscriber: Any Gentlemen that have occasion to cross the same, may depend in a speedy Passage, with 4 able Hands and a good Boat: Where likewise may be had Good Entertainment for Man and Horse.

JOHN WALLER.

From *Virginia Gazette*, March 16, 1738.

REMAINING RECORDS OF STAFFORD COUNTY.

Book L. 1699-1709—Wills, Deeds, Guardian's Bonds, Etc.

" O. 1748-1763— " " " "

" P. 1755-1756— " " " "

" S. 1780-1789— " " " "

Order Book (Indexed)—1664-1668. 1639-1693.

" " —1790-1793.

" " —1805-1809.

No original papers or marriage records.

J. L. MILLER, Thomas, W. Va.